

ABOUT THE STATE

Happenings of Interest from Different Sections.

More than 300,000 pieces of mail were handled in outgoing and incoming mail at the Rutland postoffice during the six week days of last week.

When a tree which he was cutting tipped on the stump and fell, pinning him to the ground, Louis Bemis of New Haven sustained a fracture of the left leg and three badly crushed ribs. It probably will be six weeks before he can get about.

Walter Sherman, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman of Rutland, broke one leg Christmas day when he attempted to climb onto the wagon of Mr. Osgood of Pittsford. His foot slipped and he fell, catching his foot in one of the rear wheels and breaking the leg.

The Bellows Falls Merchants' association has held a meeting in an effort to stimulate local interest in providing Bellows Falls with a new union depot to replace the one burned last week. The public service commission will be sought to use its influence with the three railroads which use the depot to see that a new building of the right design and appearance is provided.

The summer home of W. H. Larray at St. Albans Bay was destroyed by fire Friday evening. The blaze broke through the roof before the fire was discovered and because of lack of water nothing could be done to extinguish the camp and additional furniture which Mr. Larray had recently taken there from his city home were burned. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

Hiram Davis, deputy commissioner of weights and measures, finds that retail dealers are getting back into the habit of selling the paper bags and wrapping paper for the price of meats, sugar and many other articles, and he proposes to put a stop to it, for the laws of the state are such that a commodity result in short weighing to the customer. Some complaints have recently been received by Mr. Davis relative to the matter, which seems to have become general in some localities.

EAST CALAIS

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bullock of Hardwick were Christmas visitors at Hermon Bullock's.

H. A. Dwinell of Orange county is spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dwinell.

Merle Benjamin and family spent Christmas with Mr. Benjamin's parents in North Montpelier.

Miss Irene Peck of Montpelier is spending a week in town.

Rev. A. W. Hewitt of Plainfield delivered a very interesting sermon in Union church Sunday afternoon. Next Sunday, Jan. 1, Rev. Currier of Cabot will occupy the pulpit at 1:30. Every one is cordially invited to attend these services. All the young men and young women of the town are invited to unite with the new Sunday school classes, which are being formed. Come next Sunday and bring a friend with you.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Keniston and daughter, Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marsh were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scribner in North Calais on Christmas.

Frank Laddo was a business visitor in Hardwick Wednesday.

Mrs. Lulu Wing has returned from Barre City hospital, where she has been for treatment.

Harold Fair of Woodbury was at C. A. Wing's the past week.

Mrs. Myrtle Drenan visited Mrs. G. A. Hatch in Woodbury recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Persons of North Montpelier visited at Raymond Orr's on Sunday.

MAPLE HILL

The Christmas tree at the Bolles schoolhouse Thursday evening was well attended and exercises were fine. Everybody reported a good time.

Fred Martin recently fell on the ice and was quite badly hurt, but is better at this time.

G. W. Holt, who has been quite sick for the past 10 days, is reported as gaining.

Harry Daniels of Woodsville, N. H., is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Jefferson Savary.

Mr. Greaves is spending his vacation with his parents.

Henry Dunklin has recently purchased and moved to the Spencer farm. Miss Ruby Shaw, who was quite badly burned, is gaining.

Social Aspersions.

"Hub! Yuh talks 'bout sassiness like yuh knows so much 'bout it. Man, I bet yuh don't eben have evenin' dresses whah yuh come from."

"Zat so? Dey's doin' 'well from 'Naahville Tennessee."

But the Hands Move.

She—How long should a man keep his arm around a girl, do you think?

He—Until he hears his wrist watch strike.

She—Why, wrist watches don't strike, do they?

He—Of course not—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Well to Do.

"Why don't you give that poor beggar a dime?"

"He's one of my depositors," said the banker, briefly.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Literary Effort.

"You seem to be working hard over that composition. Trying to write a prize thesis?"

"Trying to compose a letter to my father that would bring me \$10."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

INTELLECTUAL PEASANTRY.

Interesting Colonization Experiment Seen at Dilb, Palestine.

On the coast road to Jerusalem there are a couple of small Jewish colonies living at close quarters with the Arab villages. One of the newest, Dilb, is a real pioneer settlement. Its workers for the most part from Russia and the Ukraine, are of all sorts and classes—students, doctors, peasants.

They have built wooden huts, in which they live. The women, both here and working on the roads, seem in better health than the men, broad-shouldered, stout and strong. Some of the boys look pale and thin, some of the men wear glasses and pinched features still bear obvious marks of scholarship. The huts are divided into sleeping cells, small, clean, furnished with bare necessities. A common dining room and kitchen worked by the women in regular shifts, completes the settlement.

These new laborers of the soil and stone-breakers form an interesting experiment. They come in from the fields at noonday, carrying picks, shovels and spades, brown with the sun, shining with sweat, laughing and singing, and if you care to glance on the shelves or tables near their beds you will discover books of philosophy, metaphysics, classics. An intellectual peasantry! Ideal, if in the nature of things it can be expected to last.

The directors of Dilb are experimenting in a process of terracing the stony hill of Judea. Vegetables are being planted, figs, peaches, strawberries are to be grown; the vine cultivated, and the hillside to be transformed into the pleasant fruitfulness of Italy.

If the experiment succeeds there are miles of waste hills ready to undergo the same process, provided the land can be procured and there is money to procure it. It is all wonderful when one remembers that the Judean hills were originally thickly forested and are arid now only because the Turks cut down timber without troubling to replant. The same story may be read farther north. Mount Carmel, once "the Vineyard of God," has become a desert and a small body of Jewish immigrants is in the forefront of the replanting of vines.—Mary Mould in Asiatic Review.

CURRENT COMMENT

"Professional Evangelism."

An interesting item of contemporary history is the decision of the Federated council of churches of Pittsburgh not to encourage "imported" evangelists. The decision, announced by the secretary of the council, was preceded by an expression of opinion regarding the question at conference representing about thirty churches. Three Presbyterian ministers, 300 Protestant churches in Allegheny of Pittsburgh dissent but the sentiment of the churches as a whole is said to be "overwhelming."

Campaigns of the "Billy" Sunday and "Gypsy" Smith type are judged "too high priced" to be commercially successful, obsolete, false in stimulation and ineffective. The counts in their indictment are familiar but such a wide agreement upon them, at least such a formal expression of agreement, is unusual. The first two counts deal with the question of value. It is a question of value rather than of price and if the evangelist's organization "delivers the goods"—as Mr. Sunday might express it—the exhibit is a strong argument for "the efficiency" methods employed.

The other three counts touch their heart of the matter. While Sunday and Smith have made unprecedented use of organization, of advertising and of the other resources of a commercial age, they differ from their most predecessors even more in their platform methods, but like other famous evangelists who have preached to great audiences in the cities, they have stimulated religious conviction and moral resolve through appeal to their emotions. They are in this respect of the company of the Wesleys, of Whitefield, of Moody and of their many, and lesser, successors. Are the people of to-day less susceptible to the lasting influence of such preaching? Evidence tending to show that they are is afforded by the reaction to the method which the Allegheny county churches have manifested in taking the stand which they have announced.

But rejection of old-fashioned method of recruiting for the churches raises the question of what to do to attract new members and larger congregations. The Pittsburgh council suggests a program of "personal evangelism" and the inauguration of an optional course of Bible study in the public schools. Its action should result in stimulating other suggestions. The problem is not a simple one.—Springfield Republican.

Maine Grangers and the Ballot.

Members of the Maine State Grange in their annual session showed wisdom in refusing to adopt a resolution favoring the election of the governor's council to the people. The constitution of the state, in many respects similar to that of Massachusetts provides for election of members of the

REVERSIDE AUCTION

Saturday, Dec. 31, at 2 p. m.

Owing to other business, the undersigned must dispose of the State street property in Montpelier, known as the Riverside. The property consists of a house with 25 rooms, heated and lighted, besides bath rooms, pantry, kitchen, etc.; also garage and barn.

The house is at present used as a high class boarding and rooming house but is arranged for apartments and has been used as such yielding a rental of \$3000 a year. The building occupies a portion of the large lot which is about 75 by 274 feet. The proximity of the property to the million and a half National Life building and the State House, the lot alone is worth all the entire property will sell for.

Remember the date, December 31, at 2 p. m.

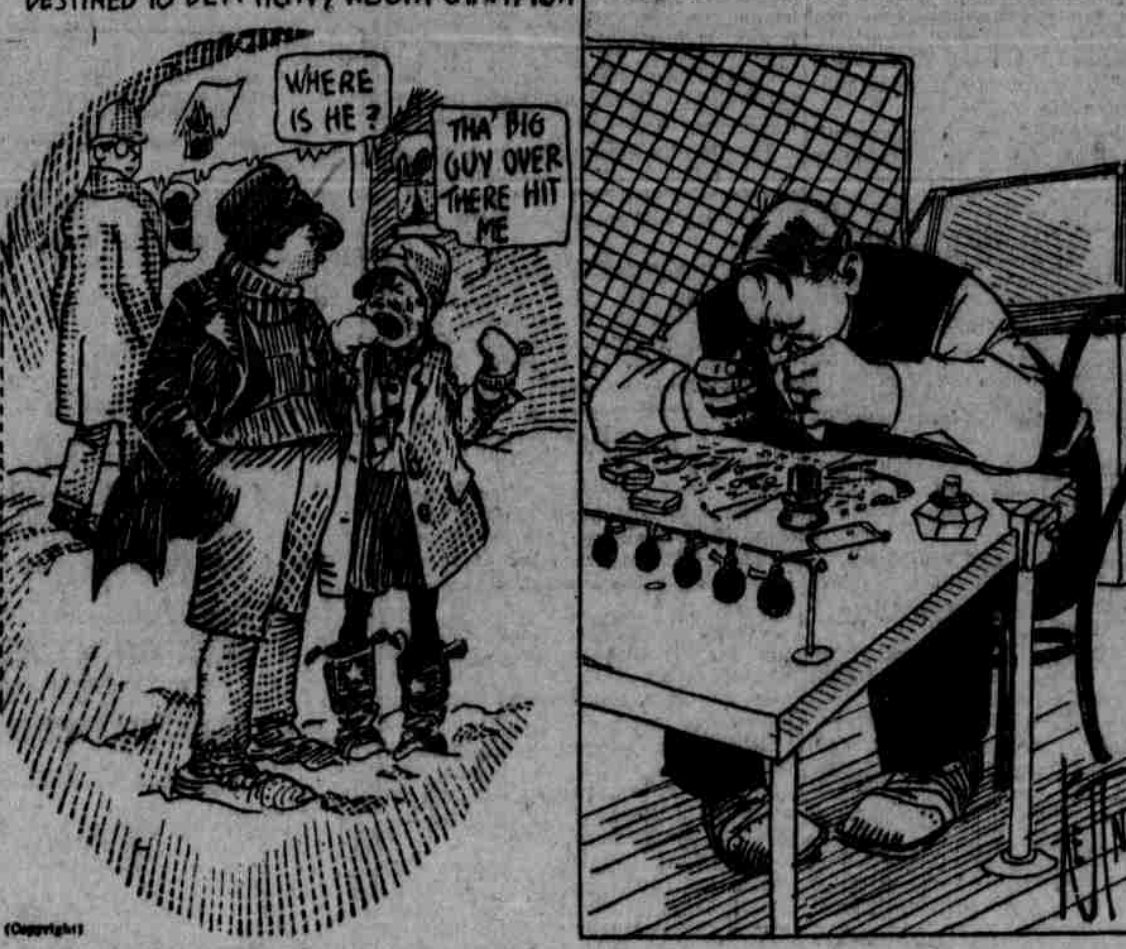
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council by the legislature, the plan followed here until changed by one of the numerous constitutional amendments. In Maine, the choice of councilors by the legislature has heretofore been seldom criticized, but the council itself has not escaped criticism on the ground that it is a superfluous piece of governmental machinery. Propositions to abolish it, however, have not been seriously considered.

Probably the sudden development of interest on the part of the Grange in the council and the manner of its election is to be explained by recalling the refusal of the council last summer to confirm the nomination of the gentleman selected by the governor to serve as chairman of the public utilities commission. The nomination was made again and again refused, until at the time of the threats of a railroad strike, the governor, on the ground that the public interest required the filling of a vacancy, presented to the council the name of the present chairman of the commission, this nomination being promptly confirmed. Refusal to approve the selection of the original nominee was alleged to be due to the controversy which has raged in Maine over Governor Baxter's views with reference to the development of water power by the state. During the deadlock the Maine newspapers devoted much space to discussions of the proper functions of the council. The controversy arose at a time when there

was no political campaign in progress. It served mightily, while it lasted, to add to the zest of life in the Pine Tree state. Now, perhaps, it has found an echo in the resolution which the state Grange was asked to adopt.

However that may be, there is point in the declaration of the Portland Press-Herald that "lumbering up the ballot by the addition of elective offices would be a great mistake. The ballot is by far too long now." If we add a member to the governor's council to the list it will serve to confuse the voter just so much more." In Maine, as elsewhere there is increasing recognition of the value of the short ballot in promoting the choice of good men for public office. The Maine farmers place themselves on the progressive and enlightened side of the question when they refuse to endorse a proposition to make the ballot longer instead of shorter.—Boston Transcript.

Wild Horses Outrun, Caught By Santo Domingo Indians.

In the days of the "Wild and Woolly West" plainsmen and travelers by overland wagons held to the belief that a long journey could be made more speedily by man and foot than on horseback. In the army the impression is general that the infantry can

out-travel the cavalry on long, grinding marches, but to the Santo Domingo Indians of New Mexico belongs the credit of chasing wild horses over the ranges of hills until the animals are exhausted and submit to capture.

No Marathon runners have ever been recruited from this tribe of Pueblo Indians for the wonderful powers of endurance of the runners of the tribe are little known outside the district immediately surrounding their village. These runners of the Santo Domingo come from a race of fleet-footed ancestors. Like all tribes of American Indians, they have accepted the means of traveling best suited to the country where they live. The Sioux of the Dakotas are horsemen. The Santo Domingos have been walkers and runners always. Their physique shows the result of generations of footmen. Great chests, almost abnormal in development, slope downward to slender waists, while sinewy calves proclaim the strength to hold to a hard trail. Usually their chases of the bands of wild horses owned by the tribes are matters of necessity. The enormous stretches of broken country where the horses graze, and the untamed spirits of animals, many of which have not been touched by man in their several years of existence in the hills, make it necessary to wear the creatures out and run them down.—New York Herald.

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